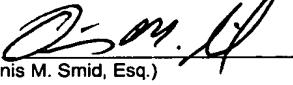
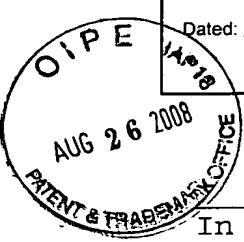


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In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-7, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: